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John Curtis, a negro, was placed in a cell in the station house at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Between 5:30 and 6 o'clock he escaped by sawing through the wooden bars of his cell.

It was supposed to be in the police office at the time, and the prisoner passed out through the office to freedom. Curtis had been gone for some minutes when his escape was discovered.

Curtis was arrested by Officer Schroeder, in Crawford street, about 2:30 o'clock, and committed as a suspicious character. He was trying to sell a coat which it is believed was stolen. He was searched before being locked up, but the man must have had a saw concealed about him which the police did not find.

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W. B. Baldwin, trustee, to Joseph M. Clark, lots 14, 15, 16, 17, block 22, and lot 31, block 15; \$830.

Charles F. McIntosh to B. F. Shumadine, lots 45 and 46, block 4, Lambert's Point; \$400.

Lella A. Whitehurst et vir. to Amanda L. Nicholas, lot 305, Frost's plan South Norfolk; \$350.

W. C. Gray to J. J. Bourke, lot 22, block 1, Willoughby Beach; \$200.

A special grand jury has been summoned for the Hustings Court, the term beginning next Thursday, September 6. The following are the jurors: P. P. Nash, William Easby, B. Lash, T. J. Morecock, James N. Peed, Lloyd N. Partin, Claude Markham, W. B. Thomas, S. T. Barclay, A. H. Lindsay, Jr.

B. Y. P. U. The regular meeting of the District Baptist Young People's Union will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock with the First Baptist Church. A special program has been prepared for this occasion.

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